

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 14, before the first full paragraph beginning "In a further embodiment . . ." and ending ". . . such as fritted glass," please add the following new paragraph:

Referring now to Figure 5C, the apparatus may also include an interstitial region 306 (generally similar to that described above with reference to Figure 2) located between the processing cup 205 and the bowl 220. An annular compartment 307 is located outside the interstitial region 306 and is in communication with the interstitial region 306 at an elevation that is above an upper rim 308 of the cup 205. An outer connection 309 communicates with the annular compartment 307.